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CITY BEGINS LED LIGHT RETROFITS IN KEY LOCATIONS

38th Street and Fall Creek receive new LED lane indicators

INDIANAPOLIS – The City of Indianapolis Office of Sustainability is replacing old traffic signals with high-efficiency LED lights in key locations as part of a continued effort to introduce sustainable infrastructure throughout Indianapolis.

Installation of LED streetlights has begun on 38th Street from Michigan Road to Fall Creek Parkway, and installation of LED lane indicators is underway on Fall Creek Parkway between Central Avenue and 30th Street. LED – light-emitting diode – lighting is brighter and more energy-efficient than traditional lighting, making it a wise choice for public safety and cost considerations.

"Retrofitting traffic signals with high-efficiency LED lights is a great example of how the City is leading by example when it comes to sustainability initiatives," said John Hazlett, Director of the Office of Sustainability. "Seemingly small changes can have a significant impact when it comes to energy use and cost savings."

The 38th Street LED street-lighting retrofit will replace 156 bulbs for an estimated annual savings of $27,519. The City will be metering this project at six locations to measure the annual savings. The Fall Creek Parkway retrofit will replace 113 lane control signals and will reduce the annual wattage used by approximately 85 percent.

The lights and lane indicators were purchased through a Federal Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, which the Office of Sustainability received in 2009. Department of Public Works Operations crews will retrofit all of the lights and lane indicators. For more information on how through the Office of Sustainability Mayor Greg Ballard is making Indianapolis the most sustainable city in the Midwest, please visit www.indy.gov/sustainindy.

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